



1           WHEREAS, The hosting of the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic  
2 Games by Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada will bring millions of  
3 tourists to the region, with many of them visiting Washington as well;  
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5           WHEREAS, The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, and its passport  
6 requirements for persons entering the United States is scheduled to  
7 begin December 31, 2006; and

8           WHEREAS, Many residents of the United States and Canada are not  
9 fully aware of the requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel  
10 Initiative; and

11           WHEREAS, Many families cannot afford the costs of obtaining  
12 passports for all its members; and

13           WHEREAS, The United States Real-ID Drivers' License Act has similar  
14 provisions to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, but does not  
15 take effect until January 2009;

16           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
17 passport requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative be  
18 delayed until January 1, 2009.

19           BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
20 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
21 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
22 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
23 Washington, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of  
24 the State.

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